

Charter Township of Port Huron Board

Regular Meeting Held Jan 19, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

3800 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI 48060

MINUTES

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

The pledge of allegiance stated.

Roll Call: Trustees Dudas, Pringle, Reno, Fulk, Treasurer Shonka, Clerk Davis, Supervisor Lewandowski

Absent: None

Special Guests: Chief Persig, Fire Personnel, Mike Leuffgen DLZ, St Clair County Sheriff's Capt Pohl, Residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Dudas, supported by Pringle, to approve the Dec 15, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carol Miller-referenced businesses on 24th St needing to pick up trash, commented the sheriff's report should be posted, read prepared correspondence from a resident.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Attorney's Report:

The prepared report was reviewed. No further discussion.

B. Engineer's Report:

Maywood pump station update. Griswold Force main replacement, weather effecting timeline survey work will continue once weather permits, Howard St sidewalk on hold until the spring. No further discussion.

C. Sheriff's Report:

Captain Pohl presented prepared report. Trustee Fulk asked if there was an update on the recent incident at the county animal control. Capt Pohl stated updates when available will be provided at the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

D. Fire Chief's Report:

The prepared report was presented.

1. 2025 Year End Presentation:

Year-end presentation was given.

E. Approve 2026 Environment Services Agreement for Bakers Field Stewardship with Friends of the St Clair River:

Motion by Fulk, supported by Reno to 2026 Environment Services Agreement for Bakers Field Stewardship with Friends of the St Clair River in the amount of \$10,750.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fulk, Reno, Pringle, Dudas, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
Nays: None
Absent: None Result: Motion Carried

F. Approve the offer for Parcel 74-28-253-0078-000:

Motion by Dudas, supported by Fulk to approve the offer for Parcel 74-28-253-0078-000 at the corner of 25th and Oak St in amount of \$3,000:

Vote: All in favor Result: Motion Carried

G. Approve Tentative Agreement with the township DPW:

Motion: Tabled.

H. Approve Marshall Campbell to the DDA Board:

Motion by Reno Supported by Dudas, to approve the appointment of Marshall Campbell to the DDA Board.

Vote: All in favor Result: Motion Carried

I. Approve the Purchase of a John Deere mower and attachments from the Tri-County Equipment:

Motion by Dudas supported by Reno to approve the Purchase of a John Deere tractor with 72" deck mower and attachments from the Tri-County Equipment in the amount of \$38,611.88 with the DDA in agreement to cover half of the cost of the tractor.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dudas, Reno, Pringle Fulk, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
Nays: None
Absent: None Result: Motion Carried

J. Approve Resolution No. 2026.01.19.A – Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Guidelines 2026 Poverty Income Levels and Maximum Asset Standards:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026.01.19.A

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES
2026 POVERTY INCOME LEVELS AND MAXIMUM ASSET STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Port Huron Charter Township Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, whom the Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, Port Huron Charter Township, St. Clair County adopts the following guidelines and policy for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household as indicated below.

POLICY:

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1. Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.

2. File a claim with the Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence as appropriate, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year, or a signed State Tax Commission Form 4988, Poverty Exemption Affidavit.
3. File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current Maximum Asset Standards as listed. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
4. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
5. Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
6. Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually as indicated below
7. File the application for an exemption after January 1, but one day prior to the date of the December Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

POVERTY GUIDELINES / MAXIMUM ASSET STANDARDS:

The following are the 2026 income guidelines for determining eligibility as set forth by adoption of this resolution by the Charter Township of Port Huron Board of Trustees. Limits are updated annually. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

2026 Poverty Guidelines	
Persons in family/household	Income Guideline
1	\$15,960
2	\$21,640
3	\$27,320
4	\$33,000
5	\$38,680
6	\$44,360
7	\$50,040
8	\$55,720
For each additional person over 8, add \$5,680	

The following are the 2026 Maximum Asset Standards as set forth by adoption of this resolution by the Charter Township of Port Huron Board of Trustees

2026 Maximum Asset Standards	
Persons in family/household	Income Guideline
1	\$36,100
2	\$41,600
3	\$47,000
4	\$52,500
5	\$57,900
6	\$63,400
7	\$68,900
8 or more persons	\$74,300

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy, and that the income guidelines and maximum asset standards set forth herein shall be used in granting or denying an exemption.

Resolution brought forth by Dudas and supported by Fulk

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dudas, Fulk, Reno, Pringle, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted this 19TH day of January, 2026

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Port Huron, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of January, 2026, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said act.

Benita E. Davis, Township Clerk

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Shonka, supported by Reno to approve payment of pre-paid bills:

Amount: \$842,702.33

Check #s: 56279 - 56333

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Shonka, Reno, Fulk, Pringle, Dudas, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

Motion by Shonka, supported by Pringle to approve payment of current bills:

Amount: \$2,972,579.02

Check #s: 56334 - 56392

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Shonka, Pringle, Dudas, Fulk, Reno, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Road Commission meeting will take place 2-19 at 5:15pm

BWAT will have a stop at the township hall.

Interstate Capital moving forward with 32nd and Petite St project possible spec building.

The local theater group; Enter Stage Right group attended the Planning Commission meeting stated they are looking to move into the township due to rent increase at current location in the city. It was mentioned that they should approach our DDA Director Randy Fernandez.

Walk around Bakers Field and Beach Rd noticed the need for dog bag receptacles at the back of the walkway areas.

Electric bikes under 15 mph can be on trails and paths, anything over that cannot be on the trail's possible signs

Blue and white signs are needed to help people identify location when calling 911 emergency on the trails etc...

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Dudas supported by Pringle to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

Robert G. Lewandowski, Jr., Supervisor

Benita E. Davis, Clerk